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1. Beginning 9 November 1949, a Soviet Air Army has established bases in the northwestern districts of China. Control towers have been set up at Ninghsia (106-19, 38-28), at Hami (93-27, 42-48), and at four other points. The Hami tower appears to be, at least to some extent, under direction from Ninghsia. On two known occasions inquiries concerning fuel supply for the planes in the area have been directed to Hami from Ninghsia, while orders to make hourly weather reports have issued from Ninghsia at least once. Thirty-one weather reports have been received from other unnamed stations.
2. Six Soviet planes were sighted landing on the Hami field at 7 a.m. on 9 November 1949, and at 5 p.m. on the same day ten planes were observed in readiness for a flight to Ninghsia.

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